



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 5950-23

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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █, USN,  
XXX-XX-█

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case Summary  
(3) Advisory Opinion of 24 Aug 23

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) requesting that his record be corrected to reflect the Navy Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 11 October 2023, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, relevant portions of his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered enclosure (3), an advisory opinion (AO) from Navy Personnel Command (NPC) (PERS-312/SA). Although Petitioner was provided an opportunity to respond to the AO, he chose not to do so.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, the Board determined it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

b. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 23 June 1964. Subsequently, on 25 June 1968, Petitioner completed this enlistment with an Honorable characterization of service and issued an Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214).

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c. As part of the Board's review, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) (PERS-312/SA) provided the Board with enclosure (3), an AO. The AO stated in pertinent part:

The review revealed the PATROL SQUADRON [REDACTED] earned the Navy Unit Commendation (NUC) while SNM was on board. It was also discovered SNM is entitled to the Navy Good Conduct Medal (NGCM). No evidence was found in SNM's OMPF or NDAWS to support entitlement to other requested medals. Recommend approval of the NUC and NGCM, disapproval of other medal requests.

d. Petitioner contends that his unit was directly involved in supporting the war in [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]. Based on the criteria of their involvement, he believes that this makes him eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal. Additionally, Petitioner believes that he qualifies for the Vietnam Campaign Medal since he meets the criteria of having served outside the geographical limits of the [REDACTED] and gave direct support to the battle of the [REDACTED] for more than six months.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants partial relief.

The Board carefully reviewed Petitioner's application, weighed all potentially mitigating factors, and concluded that Petitioner shall be awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and Navy Good Conduct Medal. In making this determination, the Board concurred with the AO.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action:

That Petitioner be issued a DD Form 215 documenting his receipt of the following awards:

- (1) Navy Unit Commendation
- (2) Navy Good Conduct Medal

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)), and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

10/24/2023

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]